(b) Details of raids is given as follows:

Year	No. of cases registered	No. of persons involved	No. of searches conducted
2002	122	235	383
2003	32	48	104
2004	138	414	621
2005 (upto 30.6.2005)	169	404	632
TOTAL	461	1101	1640

(c) Searches are conducted during investigation to collect evidence guilt or innocence of persons involved is determined by the Courts where the cases are submitted for trial. No such conclusion can be reached during initial enquiry.

Harassment of whistle blowers

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that whistle blowers/scam busters are being harassed by their respective Departments and Investigating Agencies; and

(b) if so, how many such cases have come to the notice of Govemment and what steps have been taken for their safety?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL. PUBLIC GRIEVANCESAND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has been made the Designated Agency to look into the complaints made by whistle blower and to ensure their protection. The CVC has informed that it has formulated its policy for handling complaints under Government of India resolution with respect to whistle blowers/scams busters, which is available on its website. It has further stated that the fact related to harassment/victimization of whistle blower can *be* established only after the investigation are over.